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JOHN KING RECEIVES “IRON MIKE” AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DIRECTORS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

John King, Deputy Secretary for Veterans Services, was awarded the “Iron Mike” by the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) on February 26, 2008 during the organization’s Mid-Winter Training Conference in Washington D.C. King was in Washington D.C. attending a meeting of the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans, where he serves on the Board of Directors. The “Iron Mike” award is presented to men and women who have demonstrated great leadership in service to our country’s veterans.

King served as National President of NASDVA during 2005. Currently, he is Deputy Secretary for Veterans Services for the California Department of Veterans Affairs. King served as Director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs from 1997 to 2005. Before coming to California, he owned and operated King Associates, a company that reviews, assesses and master plans housing developments for low income veterans.

“I was honored during my tenure as National President of NASDVA to have worked with so many great people,” said King. “We all share in the privilege of *‘serving those who served.’*”

NASDVA is an organization consisting of the top veterans affairs official in each state and territory. They provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and information between states so that members can learn from each other and organize responses to issues that face veterans nationwide. NASDVA works to secure uniformity, equality, efficiency, and effectiveness in providing services to veterans and their families, especially in regards to claims representation. They are willing partners with the Congress, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the veteran services organizations that advocate for veterans. www.nasdva.com

The “Iron Mike” is a government officials’ Service to Veterans Award for action, courage, compassion, dedication and reverence on behalf of our nation’s veterans.

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